



**CANADA:** Cool, showery weather hampered Prairie fieldwork. Rain and snow showers (liquid precipitation totaling 5-25 mm or more) were unfavorable for windrowed grains and oilseeds, but a killing freeze (lows from -2 to -8 degrees C) at nearly all locations lowered the risk of sprouting. The cold snap, which came later than normal in many areas, will also aid maturation of standing spring crops. Harvesting reportedly progressed rapidly prior to the rainfall, with combining exceeding 90 percent in southern agricultural districts. In eastern Canada, locally heavy rain (25-50 mm or more) continued to plague Ontario's southern corn and soybeans. Showers were somewhat lighter (15 mm or less) in Quebec and Ontario's northern growing areas. However, periods of sunny weather and above-normal temperatures aided crops that have been behind schedule in development for most of the growing season. The first autumn freeze usually occurs in late-September in the region's more northerly growing areas.